

# LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **August 9, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 10

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: **Change in the Location of the Ward IV, Precinct 1 Polling Place**

RECOMMENDATION: After a public hearing, amend the City Code to change the location of the Ward IV, Precinct 1 polling place from St. Thomas More Catholic Church to the Elks Lodge, 6235 Old Mill Rd. This change in polling place location will be effective with the General Election on November 8, 2005.

SUMMARY: St. Thomas More Catholic Church has served as a polling place for many years. The Electoral Board and the City are grateful to the congregation of St. Thomas More for their excellent cooperation and long period of service in this capacity. This spring the church informed the Electoral Board that they could no longer be a polling place for the city, as they need to have the building available for the increase in church activities they have seen in recent months.

After consulting with a number of churches and other possible locations in IV-1, the Electoral Board has determined that the Elks Lodge will be a very good location for a polling place. Parking is excellent, the ballroom space is more than adequate, and the sidewalks are very flat and smooth for handicapped access. The Elks Lodge is eager to do this as an extension of their community service activities, and the Electoral Board is grateful to the Lodge for their commitment to this partnership.

A public hearing on the proposed voting location is required by the Voting Rights Act. Once the new location is approved, the change must be submitted to the Justice Department. The City will ask for an expedited review in order to utilize the new polling place for this November's election.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Patricia M. Bower, General Registrar, City of Lynchburg, 847-1609  
John W. Cobbs, Secretary, Electoral Board of the City of Lynchburg, 237-9501

ATTACHMENT(S): Proposed Ordinance

REVIEWED BY: lkp

## ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 14-35 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, 1981, THE AMENDED SECTION RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE ELECTION PRECINCTS WITHIN THE CITY'S FOURTH WARD.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG:

1. That Section 14-35 of the Code of the City of Lynchburg, 1981, be and the same is hereby amended and reenacted as follows:

Sec. 14-35. Fourth ward.

The fourth ward shall be divided into four (4) election precincts, the boundaries of which shall be as follows:

(1) First precinct. All that portion of the fourth ward lying southwest of the centerline of Burton Creek between its intersection with Tomahawk Creek and U.S. Route 460. The voting place of said first precinct of the fourth ward shall be ~~St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 3015 Roundelay Road~~ the Elks Lodge, 6235 Old Mill Road.

(2) Second precinct. All that portion of the fourth ward lying northeast of the centerline of Burton Creek between its intersection with Tomahawk Creek and U.S. Route 460, and lying southwest of the centerline of an unnamed branch which crosses Greenwood Drive near Blackwater Creek and intersects Fort Avenue near Moseley Drive. The voting place in said second precinct of the fourth ward shall be Sandusky Middle School, 805 Custer Place.

(3) Third precinct. All the portion of the fourth ward lying northeast of the centerline of an unnamed branch which crosses Greenwood Drive near Blackwater Creek and intersects Fort Avenue near Moseley Drive, and lying south of the centerline of Lakeside Drive. The voting place in said third precinct of the fourth ward shall be Memorial Christian Church, 512 Perrymont Avenue.

(4) Fourth precinct. All that portion of the fourth ward lying north of the centerline of Lakeside Drive. The voting place in said fourth precinct of the fourth ward shall be Linkhorne Middle School, 2525 Linkhorne Drive.

2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted:

Certified:

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Clerk of Council